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CHAPTER II

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TITLE OF INVENTION: VIRTUAL PROSPECTING USING E-COMMERCE

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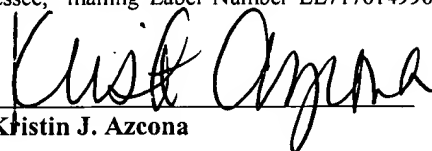
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1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. Section 371:

- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. Section 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492) as indicated below:

2. Fees

| CLAIMS FEE*  | (1) FOR  | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE    | (5) CALCULATIONS |
|--------------|--|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| BASIC FEE    | TOTAL CLAIMS   | 12 -20 =         | 0                | x \$18.00 = | \$0.00           |
|              | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS   | 1 -3 =           | 0                | x \$80.00 = | \$0.00           |
|              | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$270.00   |                  |                  |             | \$0.00           |
|              | U.S. PTO WAS INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY<br>Where an International preliminary examination fee as set forth in Section 1.482 has been paid on the international application to the U.S. PTO:<br>and the international preliminary examination report states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and industrial activity, as defined in PCT Article 33(2) to (4) have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the application entering the national stage (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(4)) .....<br>\$100.00 |                  |                  |             | \$100.00         |
| SMALL ENTITY | Total of above Calculations  |                  |                  |             | = \$100.00       |
|              | Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Affidavit must be filed. (note 37 CFR Sections 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)  |                  |                  |             | - \$50.00        |
|              | Subtotal   |                  |                  |             | \$50.00          |
|              | Total National Fee   |                  |                  |             | \$50.00          |
|              | Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".   |                  |                  |             | \$0.00           |
| TOTAL        | Total Fees enclosed  |                  |                  |             | \$50.00          |

\*See attached Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.

A check in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.

5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith.

6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) is not required as the amendments were made in the English language.

7. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409) is not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

9. A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report is not required as the annexes are in the English language.

10. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. Section 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration is attached to the application.

II. Other document(s) or information included:

11. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98 will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. Section 371(c).

13. Additional documents:

- a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
- b. International Publication No. WO01/27859  
Front page only
- c. Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. Section 1.121)

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14. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

#### AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No.: 500341

37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(b), (c), and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a))

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